SAFETY ALERT
FORKLIFT ACCIDENT

REMEMBER!
Always buckle-up; your life depends on it!!!

This accident was no exception!!!

A **Seatbelt** is like insurance; you don't need it until you need it.

On 12 April 2001, a soldier was killed when the for operating overturned. The accident occurred when he attempted a 90 degree turn at low speed. The soldier was not wearing his seatbelt causing him to be thrown from the seat as the forklift overturned. He was found pinned under the roll cage. **Use of a seatbelt would have saved this soldier's life!**

Cause Factors

- Soldier was not trained and licensed to operate forklifts.
- Unit driver training program did not include forklift training.
- No established control or dispatch procedures were in place to control forklift use.
- Soldier did not use the required and installed seatbelt.

Accident Prevention Measures

- Ensure your Forklift Driver Training Program is to Army standard and enforce the standards IAW AR 600-55, specifically Chapters 4 and 7, and other applicable chapters.
- Ensure strict compliance with OSHA Standard, 1910.178(I)(1), Forklift Safety Standards.
- Ensure dispatch procedures are in place that will limit the use of forklift equipment to only trained and licensed personnel IAW DA Pam 738-750, Para 12-6, a and c(2).
- Enforce the use of seatbelts when forklifts are in operation.